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The incident of the blowing up of the Mains will have the effect of causing the Administration to act in putting an end to the war in Cuba.

The Mutual Telephone Company has been organized at Ronceverte to construct a telephone line from Marlinton to Union, Monroe County.

W. S. THOMSON, an attorney of the Greenbrier County bar, has come out as a candidate for State Senator from this district.

The annexation of either Cuba or Hawaii would be unwise. In a short time they would rebel against us as they did against their former rulers, and we would have the same trouble with them.

CONGRESSMAN DORR'S idea of making a government preserve of the forests around the headwaters of the rivers is very good.

THE Board of Trade of Ronceverte should get to work to make that town the junction of the Greenbrier Railroad.

The executive committee of Pocahontas County will be called to meet on the first day of April Court to formulate a plan for the nomination of county officers.

THE Loud Postal Bill. For several months the country editor has been receiving circulars asking him to petition his Congressman to vote against the Loud Bill.

WAR CLOUDS. We are all taking stock in our courage departments at the present time, for this is more like war than any of us of the younger generation have known.

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who were drafted or conscripted into companies.

"The volunteer," he said, "when he falls in battle is buried with the honors of war, while the militiaman is left lying where he falls. Now, fellow citizens, which will you have? Will you volunteer and be afforded a decent burial, or will you wait to be drafted, and allow the crows to pick your bones?"

"Don't want to do either," came from back in the crowd.

A company was formed that day. The narrator was going to school at Green Bank, and his teacher, an East Virginian, had enlisted, and the school was to be broken up.

The history of the late war goes to show that, with hardly an exception, those citizens who were most active in bringing on hostilities, and most prone to declare their willingness to shed the last drop of their blood, were the ones that could never by any stratagem be made to fight.

The distance was sixty yards—too far to see a bullet hole in the paper target. The shooting was done from a "belly rest"; a lot of pine boughs were thrown down and the marksman lay at full length with his gun resting on a framework. A friend would shade the sights of the rifle.

The Pocahontas Times prize, which was to be for the best shot of the day, at the request of the men was made a special match, and while not nearly so valuable as the others was regarded as the most honorable of the day.

However, Hon Champ Clark, of Missouri, takes the opportunity of paying a high tribute to the country editor in his argument against it in the House.

"The rural editor—God bless him—is the most persistent of teachers. Like charity, as described by St Paul in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, he suffereth long and is kind; he envieth not himself, is not puffed up; doth not behave himself unseemly; seeketh not his own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

"He is the packhorse of every community, the promoter of every laudable enterprise, the worst underpaid laborer in the vineyard. Counting his space as his capital, he gives more to charity, his means considered, than any other member of society. He is a power in politics, a pillar of the church, a leader in the crusade for better morals. He is pre-eminently the friend of humanity. Line upon line, paragraph upon paragraph, day by day, he is embalming in cold type the facts from which the Herodotus, Tacitus, Sismodi, or Moccanlay of the future will write the history of our times. He fully chronicles our advent into the world, briefly notes our uprisings and our downings, and sorrowfully records our exit.

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Sport.

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On Knapp's Creek in Pocahontas County.

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Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1898, to sell by public auction, in front of the court-house of said county, to the highest bidder, the valuable farm on which Washington Herold lately resided, (now occupied by Wise Herold), lying on Knapp's Creek, near Frost, in said county, and consisting of five different tracts containing 59, 195